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SANTA VISITS JESTER

by Teresa Gouldie, Social Chairman



The Jester Holiday SPECTACULAR!

by Megan Duffin

Thank you to everyone that made the 2019 Jester Holiday Lights Contest amazing! It was truly an honor to be a part of this wonderful annual tradition. We greatly appreciate those who submitted nominations, our generous neighborhood sponsors, and every homeowner that decorated for the holidays. Please do visit our community sponsors in the New Year!



1st place - 7200 Desert Cove

2019 Best in Show: 7200 Desert Rose

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4th Place: 6805 Jester Blvd.

Prize: Coffee Shark travel mug courtesy of Coffee Shark

5th Place: 6501 Winterberry

Prize: \$25 Visa gift card courtesy of Jester Holiday Lights Committee



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Excited children and grandchildren of our Jester residents were treated to a visit from Santa as he arrived in our neighborhood aboard a firetruck on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Each child had an opportunity to visit with Santa personally and share what they hoped to receive under the tree this holiday season. They posed for pictures not only with Santa, but with the firemen as well! The firemen answered countless questions and let the children explore all aspects of the firetruck. The prize walk was a big hit as usual, along with the coloring sheets, holiday tattoos, and ring toss games.

Many thanks to our teenage volunteers who brought such fun and excitement to our event...our Jester kiddos LOVED them! Our young volunteers included Matthew Giambelluca, Aidan Trulove, David Easter, Safi Khan, Nick Shields, Regan Cohen, Mae Rizk, Brooke Jordan, Alex Skowronski, and Pranjal Naik. We really appreciate Jester residents Eva Wisser and Gary Johnson for helping out with this event, as well as Jon Deba of Scoreboard. Also, thanks to Anderson High School choir members Kelley McClure, Rylee Grady, Allison Tamburrano, Natalia Thomas and Daehan Jung for their beautiful caroling!

In addition, a special note of appreciation goes out to the entire Moore family. I was called away unexpectedly on a family emergency, and they stepped up both Friday and Saturday to make sure the event went on as scheduled. Thanks Anne, Kaitlin, Kevin, Caroline, Sean, and Liam! We couldn't have done it without you!

We are also grateful to Jester Club and manager Terri Milan for providing the location. And certainly, last but not least, thank you to Santa for making a stop in our neighborhood during this busy season!

Our next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo on Saturday, April 4th (the weekend before Easter). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Teresa at 512-751-8000 or tgouldie@gmail.com.



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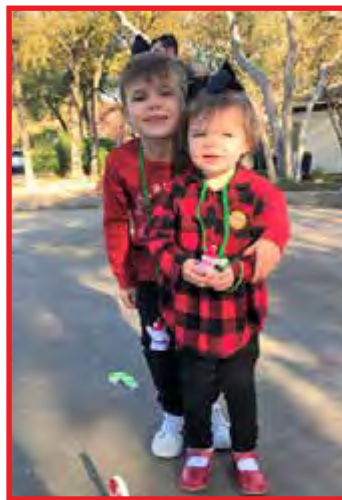
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Nature Watch

by Jim and Lynne Weber

RUBIES & GOLD

Take a walk in the bare winter woods and you'll undoubtedly notice kinglets – tiny, highly active songbirds feeding high in the trees. They are in the Regulidae family, which comes from the Greek meaning 'petty king or prince', and refers to their regal, brightly colored crowns. Legend has it that these little kings derived their names from a fable about the election of the king of birds, defined as the bird that could fly the longest distance. While the eagle was able to outfly all other birds, he was beaten by a tiny bird that had secretly hidden itself in his feathers.



Ruby-crowned Kinglet

responding to aggressive encounters by other males or even curious humans. They sometimes forage in mixed flocks of chickadees and titmice, and may also show their crowns when in close proximity to other birds.



Golden-crowned Kinglet

Golden-crowned kinglets (*Regulus satrapa*) are similar but slightly smaller than their ruby-crowned cousins. The males have an orange crown patch bordered in yellow and black, while the females have crowns that are yellow and black. The males also raise their crowns during aggressive encounters. Both species of kinglets sing fairly frequently even in the winter, with the male ruby-crowns having a complex, rich warbling song, and the male golden-crowns having a much higher pitched, shorter song.

Kinglets have a very rapid metabolism and their tiny size means they must constantly forage to keep up with their energy needs. In fact, they are so small that it would take 3 to 5 birds to total a mere ounce! They are always in motion and continuously flicking their wings. While seen most often gleaning insects and their over-wintering eggs from tree branches, they can forage anywhere from the ground to the treetops, and often catch active prey while hovering or flycatching. If prevented from feeding for even twenty minutes, they may lose a third of their body weight and could starve to death within an hour. Golden-crowns are the smallest birds to routinely survive freezing winter temperatures, and huddle together in protected areas at night. Their populations decrease

during severe winters, particularly when ice storms make foraging much more difficult.

This season take the time to walk through the winter woods and listen for the gift of song given to us by these littlest of kings. Take your binoculars, and see if you can spot their crowns of rubies and gold!

Send your nature-related questions to: naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them. If you enjoy reading these articles, check out our books, *Nature Watch Austin*, *Nature Watch Big Bend*, and *Native Host Plants for Texas Butterflies* (all published by Texas A&M University Press), and our blog at naturewatchaustin.blogspot.com.

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Jan. 1 - 26	Fortlandia - A collection of unique forts by local designers	wildflower.org
Jan. 12	Magic Tree House - Showtime w/ Shakespeare & other stories	austintheatre.org
Jan. 14 -	Hyde Park Theatre FronteraFest	Hyde Park Theatre
Feb. 12	A “fringe theatre” festival – short and long form shows	hydeparktheatre.org
Jan. 17	PJ Masks Live! Save the Day - Live musical show	thelongcenter.org
Jan. 17	The Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular - Celebrating 50 years	acl-live.com
Jan. 18 -	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show	ZACH Theatre
Mar. 14	Stories brought to life through puppets!	zachtheatre.org
Jan. 19	Golden Dragon Acrobats <i>Enjoy a time-honored tradition of Chinese acrobatics</i>	Paramount Theatre austintheatre.org
Jan. 21 - 26	Hello, Dolly! <i>Four time Tony Award winny Broadway’s Greatest Musical</i>	Bass Concert Hall texasperformingarts.org
Jan. 23 - 26	Everest - Austin Opera presents Everest	thelongcenter.org
Jan. 25	Winter Tree Fest <i>Family-friendly tree climbing, walks and talks</i>	Wildflower Center wildflower.org
Jan. 25 - 26	Le Garage Sale - Austin’s coolest independent boutiques and designers under one roof. Everything marked at clearance prices	Palmer Events Center legaragesale.net
Jan. 29 -	A Night with Janis Joplin	ZACH Theatre
Mar. 8	A concert that celebrates the Texas music marvel	zachtheatre.org
Jan. 31 -	Shen Yun	Deli Hall
Feb. 2	A mesmerizing Chinese dance experience	thelongcenter.org
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